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RUCPDOG/USDOC WASHDC  
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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO DS/DSS, DS/IP, M/MED/JCTRIPLETT  
FAS/CMP/DLP WETZEL AND MAGGINNIS  
FAS/ITP/EAMED POMEROY AND FLEMING  
CA/OCS/ACS DAVID SCHENSTED  
USAID FOR E&E/ECA/B/ANNE CONVERY

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SUBJECT: CROATIA: AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE: APRIL 1

REF: ZAGREB 358 AND PREVIOUS

ON APRIL 10, THE POULTRY CENTER LAB AT THE CROATIAN VETERINARY INSTITUTE CONFIRMED TO US THAT A DEAD SWAN FOUND APRIL 7 NEAR THE SAVA RIVER IN ZAGREB TESTED POSITIVE FOR H5N1. THE GOC IS APPLYING BIO-SAFETY MEASURES. NO POULTRY IS LOCATED WITHIN A THREE-KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE SITE; HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE POULTRY FARM 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE SITE. THE GOC IS LOOKING FOR MORE DEAD OR DISEASED BIRDS NEARBY. THE DISCOVERY OF THE DEAD SWAN HAS NOT ACTIVATED ANY OF EMBASSY ZAGREB'S TRIPWIRES. THE HEAD OF THE POULTRY LAB, DR. VLADIMIR SAVIC, CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF A REAL TIME POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (RT-PCR) MACHINE FROM APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS LAST WEEK ON A TWO-MONTH TRIAL BASIS. SAVIC SAID THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS IN THE PROCESS OF ISSUING A TENDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RT-PCR.  
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